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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

Those who walked the Belleville Bridge last Thursday, on the 20th anniversary of the Belleville Bridge Walk, paused for a picture. Congresswoman Debbie Dingell joined the walk. To mark the 70th anniversary of World War II, the walkers included five WWII veterans who rode across the bridge. In golf carts with drivers were Chester Thurston, 97, U.S. Army Air Corps; George Craven, U.S. Navy; Premo Gutierrez, 90, U.S. Navy; and Walter Skszek, 93, U.S. Army. Making his way alone in his motorized chair with flag flying was Don Bluhm, 91, Army Air Force. Dave Meechan played the bagpipes to lead the procession. After the walk, Mayor Kerreen Conley laid a wreath at the Veterans' Memorial and the Belleville Community Chorus sang "God Bless America" and "I'm Proud to Be an American" using their newly purchased sound system for the first time.

School Supt. advises Board the district must eliminate huge Z gap

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

"This is an uncomfortable conversation," School Supt. Michael Van Tassel told the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education in the middle of a lengthy presentation on a severe district problem at a special meeting Aug. 17.

He explained the "Z Score," the large gap between the top 30% and bottom 30% of student scores at two schools – Tyler Elementary and McBride Middle School. That gap led to the state naming the two schools "Focus Schools" several years ago.

Three people in the audience listened to this presentation. Trustee Kevin English was absent from the board. The meeting was not recorded for cable TV.

Supt. Van Tassel said he was spending this time explaining to make sure the board understands that, "At the end of the day, if we don't address the gap and the scores ...

we're going to be in a great deal of hurt..."

"We have a problem in the Van Buren Public Schools," he went on. "We don't want to dummy down the top. We've got to bring up the bottom."

He said it is being done in other districts that have been "at it longer." He referred to the "severity of where we are in two or three of the schools."

"Saline doesn't have the diverse population like we do," said board vice president Martha Toth, obviously referring to a district that is doing it better.

Trustee Alison Bennett, a part-time English instructor at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, said two thirds of the students admitted to the college cannot read at a college level and some don't make it through and come out owing a great deal of money with "nothing out of it."

Trustee Kelly Owen asked when would the board know when the gap is decreasing

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Merrie Carlock of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources said a few words in front of the plaque at the entrance to the new canoe/kayak launch at Horizon Park. The MDNR Trust gave a grant to construct the launch. At left is Mayor Kerreen Conley. This was the dedication of the launch and Elizabeth Riggs from the Huron River Water Council also spoke. She presented a "Mile Marker" sign to mark the Belleville stop as part of the 104-mile Huron River Water Trail. The sign says Belleville is 50 kilometers on the trail (31.3 miles). The day was cool and quite windy, so only about five people took advantage of the free kayaks and canoes available to paddle. The Taste of Belleville had a huge turnout. Three restaurants that agreed to take part in the Taste did not inform the Central Business Community that they were not coming. They just didn't show up: The Lunch Box, Edible Arrangements, and Applebee's.

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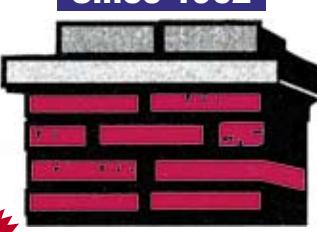
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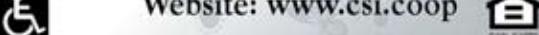
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Court Watching:

VBT Police Officer Carrie Traster sues VBT, VBT PD, 2 others

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Van Buren Township traffic cop Carrie Traster, who has been with the department for 13 years, filed suit on Aug. 19 naming as defendants the township, its police department, maintenance employee Michael Burgor, and Robert Allen Daugherty.

Daugherty is the driver of the car that collided with the police cruiser Officer Traster was driving on an emergency run, with lights and siren going, as it went through the Belleville Road-North I-94 Service Drive intersection.

The cruiser's airbags did not deploy and Traster suffered a significant head injury that still keeps her from work. She currently is on workman's compensation.

The accident happened at about 11:30 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 11, 2014, when she was responding to assist at a domestic dispute at Walmart.

The law suit said Traster came into the intersection, as she was trained, with lights and sirens going. She stopped and then went forward and stopped again, as trained, to make sure all the drivers saw her.

Then, the law suit said, she proceeded into the intersection and a car slammed into her, her airbag did not deploy, and she suffered significant head injuries. The two people in



This photo of Van Buren Township Police Traffic Officer Carrie Traster was taken in October 2011 after Officer Traster took the *Independent* editor on a two-hour ride-along to show what traffic cops do.

the other car did not report any injuries at the time of the crash, according to a letter to the editor Traster sent to the *Independent* in which she said she was glad the other people did not suffer any serious injuries.

The law suit said that the police vehicle she was provided by the township was defective because the township's

maintenance department had disabled the airbag sensor.

Traster has not been cleared by her doctor to return to work and is in ongoing treatment.

The police car Traster was driving had previously been driven by another officer, who had been supervisor of the traffic team

and therefore Traster's supervisor. The officer eventually retired and went to work for Huron Township. She contacted him and found out what had happened with the car.

The lawsuit said the officer saw a flashing airbag sensor light in his vehicle and sent it to maintenance, who sent it out for repairs. The suit says it came back and then the light started flashing again. The officer complained and sent it back to maintenance. The suit alleges Burgor turned off the light, disabling the airbag sensor.

Then the car was returned to use and Traster was driving it the morning of the crash.

The personal injury-auto negligence law suit – 15-010902-NI – will have a status conference on Nov. 18 before Judge Edward Ewell, Jr. in Wayne County Third Circuit Court in Detroit.

Representing Traster is Southfield attorney Jeffrey A. Danzig. Danzig worked 18 years at Lopatin, Miller, where he was a top litigator with several multi-million dollar verdicts in both medical malpractice and personal injury claims. He was with Ven Johnson and Geoffrey Fieger from 2002 to 2012, when he was named Partner at Fieger. In 2014 he joined Johnson Law.

VBT command officers all ask to be demoted to patrol officer status

To: Director G. Laurain &
Deputy Director J. Wright
From: Lt. Mark Buckberry
Date: July 14, 2015

Van Buren Township police officers have a demanding and difficult job. Assigned to protecting our resources and serving our citizens, they have prestige and face danger at the same time. A command officer has the responsibility of ensuring fellow police officers conduct duties in the best interest of citizens. They also must ensure their officers are adhering to organizational policies. Additionally, they must communicate departmental procedures and ensure officers under their command are properly trained in public safety. A command officer must always have the concerns of fellow officers as a top priority and are instrumental in helping officers complete their jobs successfully and safely.

As command officers, we take on added duties and responsibilities. Some of these duties and responsibilities include:

We provide officers with clear, written guidelines on policies and procedures. In order to keep officers on the right

track, we make sure they know what is expected of them by providing clear and detailed guidance. Command officers are responsible for making sure officers follow local ordinances and state and federal laws, as well. We must assure that all officers have access to written codes of law as well as internal policy manuals with clear rules.

Keep organized, detailed records and reports. Command officers' duties can vary, depending on the nature of their assignment, but some common areas supervisors need to document include internal investigations and writing reports on a variety of topics, including criminal cases and policy changes. As a supervisor, it is also our duty to make sure officers keep accurate, detailed records of their investigations and cases.

Command officers' train and guide officers to help them follow procedures. It is important for officers to be aware of how to handle all cases and situations that manifest during the course of police work. We keep officers updated on policy changes by distributing written or online memos outlining any changes as they occur.

Command officers coordinate who

handles which cases and investigations and oversee cases to make sure they are handled effectively and in accordance with the law. As a police supervisor, we play a significant role in the department's success, as we assign officers to cases and evaluate any problems that may arise as cases are handled. Command officers also step in and offer guidance and support, or warnings and reprimands as needed.

At some point in their career, most police officers aspire to be promoted. To obtain these goals they must pass a comprehensive written test and oral board examination. Only those who have demonstrated their abilities through hard work and dedication become successful. Officers must achieve a minimum of 3 years as a police officer to test for the rank of Sergeant, 2 years as a Sergeant to test for Lieutenant, and 2 years as a Lieutenant to test for Captain.

Van Buren Township Police Department has only been a "true" full time department since 2002. The department is relatively small and has had staffing levels between 30 to 40 sworn members. Current members within the Command Unit were never given an opportunity for promotion until

2004. It should be noted that the entire command unit, prior to 2004, were all members of the Patrol Unit and contributed to the Patrol/Dispatch pension. It was not until after 2004 that these members slowly became promoted to either sergeant and/or lieutenant that they entered the Command Unit. It should also be noted that *all* command officers that were in the Command Unit prior to 2004 have retired and are no longer employed with the department and are collecting a pension through the MERS command pension. The only exceptions to this are Greg Laurain who has frozen his pension while employed as the Director of Public Safety and Frederick Yono and Keith Smyth who voluntarily dropped back to the Patrol Unit and are now collecting a MERS patrol pension.

For the current command officers, their pensions are their life savings. They began employment with Van Buren Township as a "police officer" and originally contributed to the MERS patrol pension. They all knew that taking a promotion and entering the MERS command pension would have some negative ramifications.

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OPINIONS

Editorial

LDFA contributes \$4.5 million, delays VBT catastrophe

At a special meeting on Aug. 18, the Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority voted to contribute \$4,516,000 to the refinancing of some of the Visteon bonds. This move pushes VBT's shortfall on the bonds out a year farther than expected – from 2018 now to 2019, after that April's bond payment.

That's when the LDFA and the township, which pledged its full faith and credit in paying off the bonds, is responsible for paying for the bonds without having enough money on hand.

The Aug. 18 move to contribute the money was not something the LDFA wanted to do, but advisors said the IRS would look askance at them selling tax-exempt bonds when so much was in the kitty.

There were questions about how this would affect VBT's law suit against Visteon, since any real damages to the township now wouldn't come until 2019.

But the IRS rules were clear. Either add the money to the refinancing or forget the refinancing. Since refinancing is expected to save about \$1 million or so, the LDFA went forward.

Visteon had requested that VBT's law suit be moved from Bankruptcy Court in Delaware to Wayne County and the township agreed to have it proceed closer to home. We'll all be watching to see what happens next. If Visteon chips in to help pay the bonds, VBT taxpayers won't have to shell out as much.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts will be responsible for renting out spaces at Victory Park for the citywide yard sales on Saturday, Sept. 12, and Sunday, Sept. 13. All you have to do is show up by 7 a.m. on Saturday or 8 a.m. on Sunday and the cost is \$15 per space.

This is pending city council approval and the item is on the Sept. 8 agenda. We believe the council will OK it since nobody else wants to help make the space available to sellers this year.

Last week a deer was hit by a train on the tracks near the school district's bus garage (now under reconstruction).

Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman said the railroad called dispatch to alert his department and Officer Jeff Wickham responded. Chief Berriman said the deer had one severed leg and two broken legs and Officer Wickham shot it to put it out of its misery.

One of our readers who is retired from the IRS questioned the concerns that another reader had about the Office of Personnel Management letter she got suggesting she use CSID Protector Plus service for security.

Our recent caller, Brenda, said she had been informed that her data had been breached in a recent hacking and she was grateful for the free CSID security for the next 18 months. She said she gets monthly reports and it's a legitimate offer.

She said the lady who voiced concern about the letter may have been a retiree of a government job or sought an online transcript of tax returns, or something else

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IS AN AIR SHOW.
SHOULDN'T EVERYBODY
BE LOOKING UP?

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DAD?

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that made her a target in the most recent hacking of the government system.

Brenda just wanted to say the offer she got was legitimate.

VBT Trustee Phil Hart is retiring from the Ford Motor Company on Aug. 31 after 38 years of service. He said he was surprised by a party last week in his honor and to honor others retiring. He said he plans to be more active in the community after retirement.

Police Lt. Charles Bazzi said VBT police are thinking about running the emergency siren test in September for a full three minutes instead of the one-minute test they have been using.

He said they need to do a test of the longer siren blast and could do it at the Sept. 5 test.

The VBT emergency sirens are set off on the first Saturday of the month at 1 p.m., usually for a one-minute test. If the blast is longer than one minute, you are supposed to go inside and turn on the TV for information – or whatever else you can do to find out what's amiss.

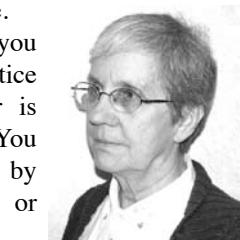
On Sept. 5, don't worry if it's three minutes in length. That is only a test.

Lt. Bazzi said he has been informing people who are concerned about a prisoner being released to type in vinelink.com on their computer.

He said the website comes up with a map of the United States and you just click on Michigan. Then you can put a person's information into the blanks and the website will give you information on the prisoner, including where he is incarcerated and what the charges are.

Also, on that site you can sign up to get notice when that prisoner is being released. You can get the notice by telephone, email, or text.

Lt. Bazzi said this web site has been very helpful to some victims who are apprehensive about the release of a particular prisoner.



Shirley Walters Schettler, who was named in a little story in last week's paper, no longer was at the Romulus high rise and an old, BHS friend of hers was concerned. She couldn't find her. Well, after our paper came out, Shirley called us to say she was fine. We passed on her phone-number to her long-lost friend. End of story.

Two ladies who have never missed a Belleville Bridge Walk since they started 20 years ago visited me to see if they were wrong or I was. Turns out I was. The first Bridge Walk was Saturday, May 11, 1996. I said it was Saturday, May 4, 1996 in last week's story. I was wrong. Sorry.

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Letters**Exit interviews could
help strengthen schools**

To the Editor:

The purpose of an exit interview is to glean from departing employees information that could help strengthen an organization. They aren't used to "find out" for the public why people left and there's certainly no expectation that the results of these individual interviews be made public any more than possibly as an aggregate report similar to student standardized testing results. They are used to identify issues within the system that can be improved upon so as to create a work environment that's most effective in retaining the best and brightest employees.

School is about teaching kids. It's not about raising money. And those whose job it is to teach the kids are teachers. Attracting and then retaining the best teachers should be a top priority, and exit interviews would provide the district with a means by which to understand and address those things that make good teachers decide to leave the district. This shouldn't be considered an extra expense. This should be an activity that is as common to expenditures as bus repairs or mopping hallways.

This administration has proven themselves as a fiscally responsible group, but that should never come at the expense of teacher retention. The use of a third-party exit interview process wherein results are reported simultaneously to the superintendent's office, the Board of Education and any other pertinent members of the administration would provide useful information on ways the district could improve and ultimately employ a teaching staff that is second to none and Van Buren Public Schools could then boast of attrition rates significantly lower than those of surrounding districts. Why anyone, especially the school board, would choose to ignore such an opportunity to improve our district is beyond me.

Michael Gentz
Parent and lifelong Van Buren Township resident

**Are 'exit interviews'
ridiculous? I think not**

To the Editor:

With the world in turmoil, we are not as secure as we would like to be. Rightly so, we do not trust easily. It is good to question what is for the best and good for all concerned. Are those representing us doing so or are they representing their own interests?

To get to the truth we need to study and discuss intelligently the question of "exit interviews." Why this has come to light is the exiting of people from our school district. Evidently, it is not the normal amount of people to leave. I do not know what the normal amount is, therefore I and others need answers.

Since we, as taxpayers, are involved financially and it is in our best interest to get answers to questions of education in our district -- which happen to be teachers and those that administer and maintain the buildings. Some of the citizens have openly addressed the exit issue and have received unsatisfactory answers. Not to be waylaid, they have made a suggestion of asking those exiting the district for an "exit interview." Of course, it must have the approval of the Board of Education. One of the trustees, Sherry Frazier, sees merit in the idea. However, one of the board members, Martha Toth, feels that it would never get a second to the motion. Why?

Martha Toth needs to or should explain why she seems negative about "exit interviews." Do we already have an answer? Is it too personal? We need to know. Of course, the exit-or can choose to make public and on record why they left the district, thereby making an "exit interview," if they wish. However, those who do wish to go on record will perhaps enlighten us on why we have failed them to stay and grow in our school district.

On page 5, Aug. 20, 2015, *Belleville Area Independent* -- "Ridiculous demand for exit interviews."

Ridiculous definition: Absurd, preposterous, not sensible or reasonable, laughable effect.

Ridiculous? I think not. People have reasons and we want to know why? It is no laughing matter!

Let us try this suggestion of "exit interviews." If it does not do what is asked, we then must look for another way to answer our questions.

Controversy is healthy to study arguments, and perhaps give us truth. Make no mistake, children will benefit, for they are our future adults.

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Van Buren Township Resident

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Court Watching:**James Chapman released from jail, arrested again by VBT**

James Forrest Chapman, 55, of Van Buren Township who was jailed for 183 days on a trespassing violation in Van Buren Township and violation of 34th District Court Judge David Parrott's order, was released from the Clare County jail in Harrison, MI, Aug. 16 after getting time off for good behavior.

He was taken into custody on March 17 to serve his 183 days.

VBT Police drove up to Clare County the day he was to be freed and arrested him again, this time on a felony charge of aggravated stalking. That crime was dated March 10 and the warrant was authorized Aug. 12.

He now is in the Wayne County Jail, where he was booked on Aug. 17 and is being held

on \$25,000 cash bond. His probable cause hearing was set for Aug. 26 at 34th District Court in Romulus and may be done by video conference. His preliminary exam is scheduled for Sept. 2.

The Wayne County Third Circuit Court web site labeled Chapman as a habitual offender. He also is charged with a second offense for refusing to give a sample for DNA profiling. That bond is \$1,000/10%.

Under state statute 750411i someone found guilty of aggravated stalking could get a penalty of up to five years and/or a \$10,000 fine.

Meanwhile, Chapman's attorney John Day has filed an appeal of Chapman's jury conviction for trespassing, alleging a conspiracy by VBT police. Circuit Judge Strong will hear the appeal.

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Obituaries



ROBERT EVAN KREBS

(April 10, 1927 – August 22, 2015)

Robert Krebs, age 88, of Sun City West, AZ, passed away August 22, 2015 at his home. He was born in Belleville, MI, April 10, 1927 to Ralph and Clara (Hanson) Krebs. He and his wife of 67 years Shirley (Brown) Krebs were both graduates of Romulus High School Class of 1945, marrying on May 8, 1948.

Robert and a few of his classmates enlisted in service in January 1945 and Robert went to the Coast Guard stationed in the Bering Sea. Their fathers received their diplomas on graduation night due to their absence. Robert retired in 1982 as Superintendent of Water Treatment in Ypsilanti, MI.

He is survived by his wife Shirley, son Randall of Grapevine, TX, daughter Marilyn (Brad) Prince of Cave Creek, AZ, and one grandson Chad Garber of Arizona. Also survived by his brother Jerry of California and his pet Shihzze of 12 years, "Buffy."

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Doris (Basil) Killingback.

Robert was a nephew of Andy Krebs, once mayor of Belleville.

After cremation, the remains will be taken at a later date to the Veterans' Cemetery in Cave Creek for burial.



Ozreille Justice

OZREILLE A. JUSTICE

(June 23, 2001 – August 17, 2015)

Ozreille Justice, age 14, of Belleville died Aug. 17, 2015. Dear daughter of Dan (Jamie) and Erica "Ramage" Witten. Dear granddaughter of Ervin (Laura) Ramage, Daniel (Sandra) Sampson, and Gregory (Wendy) Craft. Dearest great-granddaughter of Lucille Abraham, Jeanette Justice, and Evelyn Reynolds. Loving sister of Sierra, Sabella, Andrew, Zayden Witten, and Harmony. Niece of Pamela, Hunter, Donald, Mark, Justin and Amber.

Memorials to the Juvenile Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements were handled by The Allen Park Chapel – Martenson Family of Funeral Homes. www.martenson.com



Cindy Carol Bailey

CINDY CAROL BAILEY

(November 7, 1982 – June 20, 2015)

Cindy Carol Bailey, born November 7, 1982 in Ann Arbor passed away after a lengthy stay at the University of Michigan Hospital on June 20, 2015. She was a life-long resident of Belleville and was preceded in death by her father Ronald Bailey, brother Erik Bailey, and grandparents Cecil and Marjorie Jones. She is survived by her mother Elaine Bailey, brother Bob (Minde) Bailey and many other supportive family members.

She loved children and was an animal lover. She enjoyed playing with her dog Precious and feeding the birds. She also enjoyed spending time with her family.

A memorial service to honor her memory will be held on Saturday, September 12, at 2 p.m. at The Lighthouse Church, which she loved and attended, 16650 Sumpter Rd., Belleville.



Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Thursday, Aug. 27** – Music Lakeside starts at 7 p.m. with Belleville Community Chorus at Horizon Park in downtown Belleville. Last concert of the season. Free.

- **Friday, Aug. 28** – Battle for Belleville military vehicle display starts at 6 p.m. and World War II battle reenactment starts at 6:30 p.m. around the Belleville Area Museum. Activities are over at 7:30 p.m. when vehicles will convoy back to Willow Run Airport.

- **Friday, Aug. 28** – Friends Church Family Drive-in Theater FREE Movie at 8:17 p.m. At Friends Field, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road at Bemis, Ypsilanti. Movie: "Polycarp Children" and "The Drop Box." www.friendsfamilytheater.com

- **Friday, Sept. 4** – Friends Church Family Drive-in Theater FREE Movie at 8:05 p.m. At Friends Field, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road at Bemis, Ypsilanti. Final night for the Drive-in. Inside Theater next. Movie: "He Knows My Name" and "Beyond the Mask." (734) 482-5074, www.friendsfamilytheater.com

- **Sunday, Sept. 6** – Bugles Across America, 7:15 p.m., Veterans Memorial on High Street in downtown Belleville. A brief ceremony and "Taps" to honor those who served, both living and deceased.

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The **Battle for Belleville** military vehicle display and WWII battle reenactment is scheduled for 6 tomorrow on Main Street, between Fifth and Third Streets. The events will last until 7:30 p.m.

Douglas Carpet Mill Outlet at 240 Main Street here in town announces that Alloc Laminate Flooring is now back in stock and the new Armstrong Luxury Vinyl has also arrived. The family owned business has been operating for more than 36 years and they offer professional sales and installation of quality laminate wood flooring, no-wax vinyl and carpeting with brands like Shaw, Mohawk and Beaulieu. They're open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call (734) 697-9137.

Bethany Bible Church on Huron River Drive just east of town will be hosting a concert by **Keepers of the Faith** this Friday, Aug. 28, beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

The **Belleville Area Council for the Arts' Music Lakeside Concert Series** concludes tonight with the **Belleville Community Chorus**, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Horizon Park. The event is free. Rain location is inside Belleville United Methodist Church.

Birthdays

Aug. 26 – Dr. Charles Boelter
 Aug. 29 – Helen Lyson
 Sept. 2 – Steve Cinnamon
 Sept. 3 – Frank Lowe
 Sept. 5 – Joyce Rochowiak

Do you have a birthday in September? Does anyone you know have a birthday soon? Call the *Independent* at 699-9020 and let us know. We'll list it in this column ASAP following your call. There is no charge.

Obituaries



Glendaline "Glen" Lois Woods

GLENDALINE 'GLEN' LOIS WOODS

(August 16, 1924 – August 24, 2015)

Glendaline "Glen" Lois Woods was born August 16, 1924 to Gladys Carrie Bostick and Rudolph Bostick. She was their oldest child with siblings Gladys Downing (deceased), Clinton Bostick (Bobbie) of Kansas, Alice Holder of Florida and Darlene Wills of New Jersey.

On January 31, 1942 she married the love of her life James Fletcher Woods. They had 5 children: Glendaline Carrie (who died in infancy), Lois Warsop-Wiertella, James F. Woods II (Diane Rail), Gary M. Woods (Bonnie) and Wendy Grishaber (Jerry). She was the proud grandmother of 6: Cindy Jordan (John), Gerry Warsop II, Melissa Johnson, Robyn Johnson, Garon Woods (April) and Elizabeth Woods (Andy Nguyen). She also had 10 great grandchildren: Luc Johnson, Courtney Johnson, Alec Woods, Jerry Jordan, Marcus Johnson, Jamie Johnson, Shane Jordan, Devlin Johnson, Jade Nguyen, and Jake Woods. Also many nieces and nephews and two wonderful lifelong friends: Shirley Reitz of Florida and Dorothy Jeriak of Wisconsin.

Glen retired from A & P Food Store, working most of her employment at the local A & P in Belleville serving as bookkeeper and head cashier. She enjoyed her family, travelling, baking, casinos, NASCAR, the Red Wings. Tom Brady was her guy and she watched him since his U of M College Days.

She was preceded in death by her husband James F. Woods in 1996; 3 children: (a baby in infancy), her son Gary M. Woods in 2009 and her daughter Wendy Grishaber in 2012. Also 2 sons-in-law: Gerry Warsop and Art Wiertella, her sister Barbara Doroney and 3 sisters-in-law and 6 brothers-in-law.

Glen has been under the care of The Villa at Parkridge (formerly Bortz) in Ypsilanti for the past 2 years. She received the most professional, loving and compassionate care there. Recently she was also under the wonderful care of Arbor Hospice. Her family would like to thank both of them from the bottom of our hearts.

A graveside service for Glen was held on Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at Hillside Cemetery with Pastor Duane Bonner of Bethany Bible Church officiating. Arrangements were entrusted to the Higgerson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville, (734) 697-9400.

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Mark Twain

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Terry Mills awaiting sentencing in Ohio for stabbing man in neck

By Rosemary K. Oztman

Independent Editor

Terry L. Mills, 60, a local character who had lived in the Belleville area for decades, is out on \$25,000 personal bond in Ohio awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty to felonious assault for stabbing a man in the neck.

The stabbing occurred at about 4:40 p.m., Dec. 4, 2014 in Lorain County, Ohio.

On Tuesday, Lorain Detective Brian Denman said the case is still pending in the Lorain County court system.

The Aug. 19 sentencing before Judge Raymond Ewers had been converted to a status conference by the court. Mills, who is considered indigent, is being represented by court-appointed attorney Nicholas J. Hanek of Elyria, Ohio.

Police in Lorain County said they followed a blood trail to Mills' apartment after he stabbed Roy Lewis, Sr., 57, in the jugular at an apartment down the street. Police found Lewis lying on the grass in front of the apartment.

Police applied a QuickClot Combat Gauze packet to Lewis' wound (described as a slit, not gaping wound) to stop the bleeding as they waited for a medical crew. Lewis was taken by medical helicopter to the intensive care unit at MetroHealth Medical Center in Cleveland and was listed in stable condition. Police report Lewis was extremely drunk and bleeding profusely when they arrived.

Lewis was treated at the hospital and later released.

Police said there was blood on the door handle at Mills' apartment when they arrived. They knocked and said Mills invited them in. They said the blood trail continued to Mills who wasn't wearing pants.

A knife believed to be the weapon used was found and Mills was arrested and charged with felonious assault. He was



Terry Mills

held in the Lorain County Jail on \$10,000 cash bond until his first hearing on Dec. 11 and thereafter. In April he was released on personal bond and in May he changed his not-guilty plea to guilty.

Lorain police officers Marcus Haring and Robert Gnagy were honored for quick thinking in using the QuickClot Combat Gauze packet. Officer Haring bought online for \$40 to add to his first-aid kit because he thought it might be used to save someone's life. He had heard about it during his service in Iraq. He handed the coated gauze to Officer Gnagy, who applied it with pressure, which medical personnel said saved Lewis' life.

More Letters

Thank you for answer to St. Jude's Novena

To the Editor:

I prayed the St. Jude's Novena for nine days starting July 9 and I received what I was asking for. I'm very grateful for the prayer and the answer. I promised to publish my thank you.

Marie, Belleville area resident

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Doc Boelter turns 70

To the Editor:

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Doc's smart and funny with knowledge to share,

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So here's to Chuck on his special day.

Hope he'll still be our dentist even when we can't pay.

Happy 70th, Dr. Boelter
Kathy, Jenny, Jessica, and Ryan

Editor's Note: Dr. Charles "Doc" Boelter turned 70 on Aug. 26. Although Doc wanted no fuss, patients were asked to send cards with memories or to drop by the office on Aug. 25. Patients scheduled that day were warned there might be visitors. The office was closed on Aug. 26.

Cub Scout Pack 924 thanks our community

To the Editor:

This is to the kind, good-hearted people in our *Belleville-Area Independent* community.

This past Saturday, Aug. 22, our Cub Scout Pack 924 had a bottle drive as a fund raiser in the parking lot of The Lunch Box in Belleville. It was a gorgeous day and a huge success, thanks to the generosity of the community, as well as family and friends.

A very special thank-you to Rodney, the owner of The Lunch Box, for letting us set up in his parking lot, as well as for providing cookies and refreshments to our pack, plus his donation of bottles.

Thank you to the many people who stopped by and donated to our drive. Your support will help us in our upcoming scouting year.

Also, a thank you to all the Belleville-area businesses for allowing us to put up a flyer at your business. Thank you to the *Independent* for the advertisement. It helped.

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VBT Command

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The command pension does allow for an E-2, cost of living, and the employee's contribution rate would be slightly higher than that of the patrol pension. Sergeants currently make 14.5% above a patrol officer and lieutenants make 9% above a sergeant. These percentage increases helped offset the negative ramifications between the two pensions.

The MERS pension fund was established to facilitate and organize the investment of employees' retirement funds contributed by the employer and employees. The pension fund is a common asset pool meant to generate stable growth over the long term, and provide pensions for employees when they reach the end of their working years and commence retirement. Retirees have a defined benefit based on the number of years they worked and their compensation at the end of their career. Employees with a large ending salary and lengthy service will receive a higher pension that generally continues until they die, regardless of how much was contributed during their working years. Per the CBA the employer contributes 12% and is capped at that rate. Employees in both the Patrol/Dispatch Unit and Command Unit are required to contribute a minimum of 5% however, are responsible for any additional percentage above that of 17%. In 2005 the employees' contribution rate for members of the Command Unit was 6.25% while the Patrol/Dispatch Unit was 5%. Each and every year the Command Units contribution percentage has increased. Employees in the Command Unit are currently contributing 12.26% while employees in the Patrol/Dispatch

Unit are contributing 5.85%.

On Wednesday, July 8, 2015 the Patrol/Dispatch Unit, Command Unit, and township officials met with representatives from MERS. During the course of this meeting MERS provided new actuaries which will take effect on January 1, 2016. The new actuary will require employees of the Command Unit to contribute 15.45% and employees of the Patrol/Dispatch Unit to contribute 6.96%. MERS representatives further indicated that contribution rates for both Command and Patrol/Dispatch Units will continue to increase for at least the next 5 to 6 years if not longer.

During the meeting with MERS there were several factors identified as an impact on these actuaries.

- Poor investment returns in 2007 & 2008
- Over the past several years the employer has reduced the number of employees in the Command Unit which has reduced the amount of contributions into MERS.
- Since the inception of the Command Units pension, MERS has had an unfunded balance which was established by the originating members/employees who are no longer contributing to the pension system. Those originating members are now separated from the township and

are collecting pensions, which are being funded by current members who were originally contributing to the MERS patrol pension.

• Upon entering the MERS pension system Ernie Thornsby, a Command Unit member, was not required to contribute 100% of his Manulife retirement monies into MERS which every other employee in the Patrol/Dispatch & Command Units were required. Ernie Thornsby instead gave 50% of his Manulife monies to his

ex-wife as part of a divorce settlement. Ernie Thornsby still received his past service credit however, this action greatly contributed to the underfunding of the MERS pension.

Up until recently officers were able to overlook the fact that the Patrol/Dispatch Units pension was far superior to that of the Command Units. Officers continued to test and accept promotions with the department because, at the time, these

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and Van Tassel said when in measuring the gap the two scores become less. The data is

over a three-year period.

"When we get our scores back ... if we're moving up and closing gaps faster than other districts ... we could be a 'Safe Harbor,' if you make one year growth in

one year."

If the gap doesn't close, there are three options from the state: remove the staff, remove the principal, and takeover by the state. Later he said that includes removing the school board.

Van Tassel said for many years the district didn't want to worry about the "Z Score" for the district. But, "for our district that gap is huge" and "our gap is wider than most."

"We're behind the game and we have to catch up," he said.

"The bottom 30 are doing very, very poorly," Van Tassel said.

He said the options are to lower the top scores ("But I couldn't sleep at night."), move the bottom up, or do nothing and be labeled a Priority School and, "The state takes you over."

Van Tassel said they have to work as hard as they can, not lower the top students, and address the "Spotlight Children" in the middle and those at the bottom.

Curriculum Director Jeff Moore told of a third-grade assessment the district did where students were asked to multiply 10 x 10. The first class of 30 had 5% who could do it. The second class had 35% who could do it. The third class had 100% who could do it.

"What do we do with that information?" Moore asked, answering that they are analyzing what the data tells them and making a plan.

Van Tassel said when the fourth-grade teacher gets these kids, "What's the principal going to do?"

"We're talking about some serious issues," said board president Brent Mikulski, encouraging the board members to contact Van Tassel if they want more information and can't wait four weeks for another meeting.

"It's up to us, every time we meet to discuss this," Mikulski said.

Van Tassel said teachers are coming out of college less prepared for the classroom and students have an attitude, "Prove to me I should listen to you."

He said they have to ensure to hire only the best and that they are committed to teaching here. He said if they don't work out they need to terminate them before tenure and evaluate what good teachers look like.

Van Tassel said an administrator should be able to walk into a classroom and tell if good teaching is going on.

"We need to have really strong teachers and helping struggling teachers is the fastest way to improve," he said.

The district has new teacher training and a new teacher academy throughout the year, he said. New to the district is classroom management training to support teachers having problems.

Van Tassel said he believes morale is driven from the building and building principal. They will do a Culture Climate Survey in the middle of October to "see if our perceptions are spot-on." If not, they will look at ways to address it, he said.

More than two hours were spent with Van Tassel and Director of Curriculum Moore explaining what they were going to do to try to solve the Z problem.

In other business at the Aug. 17 meeting, board:

- Went into closed-door session at the beginning of the meeting "to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute";

- Heard Mikulski say he looked at the bylaws to see what the board can't and shouldn't do and determined that the public is just allowed to make comments and there would be later follow-up by Van Tassel or board members to the speaker. He said they have to make sure they follow the bylaws;

- Approved the resignation of teacher Gunesha Fredericks of Edgemont after 15 years of service as of Feb. 15, 2016;

- Approved the hiring of two new teachers for McBride Middle School, Kelli Kubrak to teach English and Dawn McFarlin to teach Special Education, both as of Sept 1;

- Approved the resignations of non-instructional staff members Heather Wolf of Haggerty, after nine years of service, as of Aug. 12 to attend school; and Jennifer Youmans of transportation after one year as of Aug. 10;

- Approved the total cost of \$271,540 out of sinking funds and awarded the construction contract to Best Asphalt in the amount of \$208,000 as part of the overall Rawsonville Elementary Civil and Parking Lot Project. Davenport Brothers

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DDA selects WH Canon to do Ecorse/Belleville roads landscaping

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority went out for bids a second time for the landscaping at the corner of Ecorse and Belleville roads and unanimously selected WH Canon for the job.

The unanimous selection was made at the DDA's July 28 meeting.

The original bid had some confusion so DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland said the DDA decide to reject the two bids it had and rebid.

"It's the fair thing to do," Ireland said, noting she didn't want any criticism of the DDA over the process.

The first bids were opened June 22 and Cadillac Asphalt bid \$267,644.29 and WH Canon, Inc. bid \$266,000. The DDA's pre-bid cost estimate had been \$315,687, including the county's permit fee.

It was recommended to accept the low bidder, but then some questions arose and the decision was made to rebid.

At the second bid opening on July 16, the bid was \$270,985.17 by Cadillac Asphalt (\$270,850.15 based on Unit Prices) and \$290,819 by WH Canon, Inc.

In making the recommendation to select the higher bid by Canon, James Allen, Director of Design at McKenna Associates, noted that Cadillac Asphalt is an asphalt paving company and Canon is a landscape design, construction, and maintenance firm.

The DDA's bid request asked each bidder for three references and examples of five similar projects completed within the past ten years.

Cadillac Asphalt provided two references, both for their subcontractor, Randy Brown Landscape. Both projects are single-family-residential landscape projects with satisfied clients.

WH Canon provided the requested three references. All three references are from clients for whom WH Canon completed streetscapes within public right-of-way. Allen spoke with two of the three references and both references were satisfied with the work.

As to the request for five similar projects within the last 10 years, Cadillac Asphalt listed five previous similar projects, of which four were lawn planting incidental to a road construction project.

Allen said McKenna does not consider these four projects sufficiently comparable in complexity or size to the proposed Ecorse Road project because none of the four included streetscape details, trees or shrub plantings.

Also, Cadillac's landscape projects were performed by other subcontractors who are not associated with the proposal for the Ecorse Road project. One previous similar project, the Belleville Road streetscape, was performed by Brown with Cadillac Asphalt.

WH Canon's previous projects are each road median and streetscape related projects, several performed for MDOT. The University Cultural Center project included boulevard tree plantings. Other than irrigation and electrical, all work was performed by WH Canon and not a subcontractor.

Allen said speaking with each bidder's references and the listed contact people for past similar projects revealed that in general, both firms provide excellent services and high quality work.

"The one exception was the reference for the Cadillac Asphalt's Van Buren DDA Belleville Road streetscape project, which was awarded to them by the Van Buren DDA in 2001," Allen wrote in a memo to Ireland and the DDA.

"That project took 2-3 years to complete and there were multiple quality problems with plants and materials during the process," Allen stated. (Another document stated there were many trees Brown had to replace.)

"While Cadillac Asphalt and Randy Brown have performed most past projects well, the majority of the work examples they reported are not sufficiently comparable in size and complexity to the Ecorse Road streetscape project, and the comparable Belleville Road streetscape project did not get a good review," Allen wrote.

Allen said while Canon is the higher bidder of the two, it is the most qualified firm for this project's size and scope. He added the bid requests clearly state the DDA does not have to select the lowest bid, but rather that the DDA may select the most qualified bidder.

Allen recommended, and the board approved, the addition of a 10% contingency of up to \$29,081 for a total project of \$319,900. The contingency fee, if needed, would be administered by Ireland.

The DDA voted to expend and allocate \$319,900 of the 2012 bond proceeds to the Ecorse Landscape Project.

After the vote was taken on the project, Brown called out from the audience, "How do you spend \$20,000 more than the next bidder? It's stupid."

DDA chairman Craig Atchinson told Brown he had his opportunity to speak. Atchinson had asked before the vote if there were any comments from the DDA or the audience and nobody spoke.

"That's disgusting!" Brown said angrily as he left the meeting.

Brown's partner from Cadillac Asphalt asked Brown out in the hallway, "Why didn't you say something?"

In other business at the July 28 meeting, the DDA:

- Approved going out for bids to demolish the home at 10101 Belleville Road. This is the property the DDA bought that lies directly on Belleville Road, not the Grandpa Harris property to the rear. The building is too close to another structure to have a practice burn by the fire department, but they may have explosion practices behind the house, said DDA vice chairperson Carol Bird, who owns the business right next door.

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bid \$223,000 and Pavex Co., \$259,300. The project is to reconfigure the parking lot so there is expanded parking and more sidewalks to separate between pickup areas for parents and the buses. Eric Dumont of Plante Moran CRESA said they hopefully will be done before the "kids roll into school"; and

• Heard Van Tassel and Moore tell about the Administrative Retreat set for Aug. 19 and 20 to discuss hot-button issues, changes in the law, priorities, and things that aren't going as well as possible. They went through big binders showing all the information that will be discussed with administrators including "non-negotiable" items.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 18, 2015

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Executive Assistant Clair, Planning and Economic Development Director Akers, DPS Director Taylor, Developmental Services Consultant Sloan, Deputy Director (Fire) Besson an audience of ten (10).

Supervisor Combs requested a correction to Consent Agenda item #6 to read: "with a term to expire August 12, 2019" and removal of Consent Agenda item #7.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Budd moved, Miller seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Hart moved, Wright seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. [Work Study Session Minutes of August 3, 2015; Closed Session Minutes of August 3, 2015; Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 4, 2015; Prepaid List of August 6, 2015; Voucher List of August 18, 2015; Appointment of Mr. Khalil Rahal (Wayne County Representative) to the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) with a term to expire August 12, 2019.] Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Combs read a letter thanking Officers Moening, Sweet and Hayes, Director Laurain, Deputy Director Wright and Senior Director Jordan on their assistance in locating a lost family member.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Fire Marshal job description as presented. Motion Carried. This job description replaces the full time Fire Inspector position in the MAFF Collective Bargaining Agreement. Miller moved, Wright seconded to approve the Permanent Part Time Fire Inspector position as presented. Motion Carried. This is a new position in the MAFF Collective Bargaining Agreement with an average of 24 hours weekly.

Wright moved, McClanahan seconded to grant Special Land Use approval to Denton Partners, LLC for a gas station and drive-thru restaurant at 49230 Michigan Ave. and 5825 Denton Rd. Motion Carried.

McClanahan moved, Miller seconded to approve Resolution 2015-33 authorizing the reassignment of the existing Detroit Water and Sewer Department (DWSD) water contract to the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA). Motion Carried. The approval process is in accordance to the 2015 lease agreement reached by the DWSD and the GLWA.

REPORTS: The June 2015 Budgetary Report was ordered received and filed. Copies are available for review at the Clerk's Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor Combs announced anticipated vacancies on the Planning Commission, LDFA Board, Environmental Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals and Local Development Finance Authority and the Water and Sewer Commission. Applications are available at the Supervisor's Office or online. Trustee Jahr announced the Environmental Commission has recently been reviewing environmental and health concerns associated with the use of coal tar based driveway sealers. The meeting was videotaped and airs on VBT12. Further discussion will occur at the Environmental Commission meeting on August 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall and the public is invited to attend and learn more. A resident announced that the LDFA recently considered and authorized a down payment of approximately \$4.5 million towards the tax incremental refunding bonds, Series 2015 bond refinancing.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Residents commented on: A need to perform background checks on applicants for committees and commission; disapproval of the approved ballot language regarding the Public Safety Millage; Support for the approved ballot language regarding the Public Safety Millage; Requested the Board take pay cuts and that Van Buren Township only collects 3% of the total taxes paid with the majority being paid to Wayne County.

Trustee Jahr commented that Board Meetings were the place to conduct Township business and requested that the Supervisor review whether comments regarding the Public Safety Millage were allowed. The Supervisor agreed and will seek a legal opinion.

ADJOURNMENT: Miller moved, McClanahan seconded to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor
Publish: August 27, 2015

Tutor training set for district library's Adult Literacy Program

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS OF PLANNING SERVICES FOR A 5 YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, MICHIGAN

The Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, MI is requesting qualifications for planning services of a 5 year parks and recreation master plan. Information packets are available at the Township Clerk's Office, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Qualified individuals should submit their proposals to the Township Clerk at the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Charter Township, MI 48111 prior to 5:00 p.m., EST, Thursday, September 10, 2015 in a sealed envelope clearly labeled:

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Publish: August 27, September 3, 2015

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Lisa Long,
City Clerk

Publish: August 20, 2015
August 27, 2015

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP HALL
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BELLEVILLE, MI 48111

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02A21 LOT 21 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67 WCR-K-4.90

83-005-01-0023-300

02A23 LOT 23 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67 WCR-K-4.91

83-005-01-0024-300

02A24 LOT 24 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67 WCR-K-4.94

83-005-01-0025-300

02A25 LOT 25 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE ALSO N 1/2 ADJ VAC GERBSTADT ST 60FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67 WCR-K-5.83

83-005-01-0026-300

02A26 LOT 26 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67 WCR-K-4.89

83-005-01-0027-300

02A27 LOT 27 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67 WCR-K-4.89

83-005-01-0028-300

02A28 LOT 28 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67 WCR-K-4.89

83-005-01-0029-300

02A29 LOT 29 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67 WCR-K-4.89

83-005-01-0030-300

02A30 LOT 30 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67 WCR-K-4.90

83-005-01-0031-300

02A31 LOT 31 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67 WCR-K-4.90

83-005-01-0032-300

02A32 LOT 32 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67 WCR-K-4.90

83-005-01-0033-300

02A33 LOT 33 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67 WCR-K-4.90

83-005-01-0034-301

02A34,T2 LOT 34 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE ALSO N 1/2 ADJ VAC BEVERLY ST 86FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67 WCR-K-6.02 - ALSO PT OF THE SE 1/4 SEC 2 T3S R8E DESC AS BEG N8 DEG 33M 32S W 60.04 FT FROM E 1/4 SEC 2 -- TH S00DEG 12M 11S W 35.79 FT - TH N87DEG 59M 49S W596.58 FT - TH N00DEG 12M 11S E 19.52 FT - TH S 89DEG 33MIN 32S E 596.13FT TO POB 0.38AC - K - 6.40

83-005-99-0004-000

02CD1 PT OF NE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 51M 50S E 1238.38FT FROM CEN 1/4 COR OF SEC 2 TH N89DEG 51M 50S E 146.41FT TH N0DEG 17M 40S E 2906.08FT TH WLY 146.57FT TH S0DEG 17M 40S W 2900.27FT POB 9.75 AC

83-005-99-0005-000

02CD2 PART OF NE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 51M 50S E 1091.98FT FROM CEN 1/4 COR OF SEC 2 TH N89DEG 51M 50S E 146.40FT TH N0DEG 17M 40S E

2900.27FT TH WLY 146.95FT TH S0DEG 17M 40S W 2888.72FT POB 9.73 AC

83-005-99-0006-000

02CD3 PT OF NE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 51M 50S E 865.78FT FROM CEN 1/4 COR OF SEC 2 TH N89DEG 51M 50S E 226.20FT TH N0DEG 17M 40S E 2888.72FT TH SWLY 228.34FT TH S0DEG 17M 40S W 2859.43FT POB 14.93 AC

83-005-99-0007-000

02CD4 PART OF NE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 51M 50S E 733.96FT FROM CEN 1/4 COR OF SEC 2 TH N89DEG 51M 50S E 131.82FT TH N0DEG 17M 40S E 2859.43FT TH SWLY 133.44FT TH S0DEG 17M 40S W 2835.85FT POB 8.62 AC

83-005-99-0008-000

02C5 D5A PT OF NE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 51M 50S E 585.78FT AND N0DEG 17M 40S E 2246.62FT FROM CEN 1/4 COR OF SEC 2 TH N0DEG 17M 40S E 557FT TH NELY 151.88FT TH S0DEG 17M 40S W 589.23FT TH S89DEG 51M 50S W 148.18FT POB 1.95 AC

83-005-99-0009-002

02CD6B PT OF NE 1/4 SEC 2 T3SR8E BEG N0DEG 18M W 2424.26FT FROM THE CEN 1/4 COR SEC 2 TH N0DEG 18M W 239.30FT TH N76DEG 54M 40S E 286.70FT TH S0DEG 18M E 239.30FT TH S76DEG 54M 40S W 286.70FT POB 1.58 AC

83-005-99-0009-701

02CD6A,F2,G1,H2,N1B PT OF NE 1/4 SEC AND NW 1/4 SEC 02 T3S R8E DESC AS BEG AT THE CENTER OF SEC 02 - - TH S89 59 43E 585.78 FT- TH N00 09 17W 2810.89 FT- TH S76 27 50W 343.74 FT- TH S00 44 50E 239.30 FT- TH S76 27 50W 287.49 FT- TH S00 45 56E 938.11 FT- TH S89 38 26W 482.12 FT- TH S18 42 08E 1565.47 FT TO POB - 44.41 AC - K - 44.1

83-005-99-0010-000

02D5B PART OF NE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 51M 50S E 585.78FT FROM CEN 1/4 COR SEC 2 TH N0DEG 17M 40S E 2246.62FT TH N89DEG 51M 50S E 148.18FT TH S0DEG 17M 40S W 2246.62FT TH S89DEG 51M 50S W 148.18FT POB 7.64 AC

83-008-99-0002-703

COMMENCING AT THE S 1/4 CORNER OF SEC 2, T3SR8E; TH S90D 00M 00S E 350.00 FT ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SEC 2 AND CENTERLINE OF ECORSE RD FOR A PLACE OF BEG; TH N00D 24M 19S W 1614.16FT; TH N18D 42S 09M W 1114.86FT TO THE CENTER POST OF SAID SECTION; TH S 89D 59M 43S E 2156.75FT ALONG THE E-W 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION; TH S 00D 14M 07S E 1670.03 FT; TH N90D 00S 00M E 180.74 FT; TH S 00D 14M 07S E 480.00 FT; TH N90D 00M 00S W 180.74 FT; TH S00D 14M 07S E 459.99FT; TH N90D 00S 00M W 743.35FT ALONG A LINE 60 FT NORTHERLY OF AND PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION; TH N 00D 14M 07S W 15.00FT; TH N90D 00M 00S W 935.80 FT ALONG A LINE 75 FT NORTHERLY OF AND PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SEC 2; TH S 00D 33M 03S E 75FT; TH N90D 00M 00S W 120.09 FT ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION AND SAID CENTERLINE OF ECORSE RD TO THE PLACE OF BEG. BEING A PART OF THE SE 1/4 OF SAID SEC 2 AND CONTAINING 114.10 AC OF LAND

83-008-99-0014-701

*02S 10 TO 13 * PT OF THE SE 1/4 SEC 2 T3S R8E DESC AS BEG N 89D 37M 00S W 60.00 FT AND DUE N 1726.00 FT FROM SE COR SEC 2 - TH N 89D 59M 56S W 599.08 FT - TH N 00D 14M 07S W 264.01 FT - TH S 89D 59M 56S E 598.36 FT - TH S 00D 23M 30S E 264.01 FT - POB. 3.63 AC - K - 3.64

83-008-99-0037-701

COMMENCING AT THE SE CORNER OF SEC 2, T3SR8E, VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN; TH DUE N60FT ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 2; TH N89D 37M 00S W 483.07 FT ALONG THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF ECORSE RD FOR A PLACE OF BEG; TH N89D 37M 00S W 60 FT ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE; TH N00D 09M 30S E 459.99 FT; TH S89D 37M 00S E 60.00 FT; TH S00D 09M 30S W 459.99 FT TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 2 AND CONTAINING 0.63 ACRES OF LAND MORE OR LESS.

Written comments may be forwarded to the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111.

Leon Wright, Clerk
Charter Township of Van Buren

Publish: August 20, 2015

August 27, 2015

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 766 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Aug. 16:

0224 – assault & battery, Bemis Rd.
0459 – operating while intoxicated, S. I-94 Service
0750 – warrant arrest, Clare County
0957 – suspicious person, Harbour Club Marina
1122 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/Beck
1131 – agency assist, E. Huron River Dr.
1211 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1242 – disorderly conduct, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1319 – larceny, Rawsonville Rd.
1413 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1524 – disturbance, Haggerty Rd.
1535 – suicide or attempt, Van Buren St.
1618 – suicide or attempt, Landmark
1735 – private property accident, Rawsonville
1817 – agency assist, High/Church
1846 – property damage accident, E. Schooner Dr.
1853 – abandoned auto, Haggerty Rd./Tyler Rd.
1924 – property damage accident, Edwards Rd. / Beverly Rd.
1932 – family trouble, Freedom Way
2009 – property damage accident, Ecorse
2038 – larceny, Sawgrass Ct.
2221 – disorderly conduct, Ash Dr.

Monday, Aug. 17:

1139 – private property accident, Parkwood
1325 – assault & battery, Richard Run
1340 – larceny from auto, Jackson Ct.
1431 – suicide or attempt, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
1500 – fraud, Pebblebrook Dr.
1502 – malicious destruction of property, Spruce
1539 – trespassing, McBride Ave./Borgman Ave.
1703 – abandoned auto, Cricket Wireless
1718 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1745 – intimidation threat, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Old Denton Rd.
1821 – abandoned auto, Dover Ct./Country Walk
1957 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
2059 – disturbance, Sylvia Dr.
2348 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
2351 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton

Tuesday, Aug. 18:

0758 – disorderly conduct, Belleville
1004 – private property accident, W. Huron River
1601 – weapons violation, Parkwood Dr.
1752 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1828 – malicious destruction of property, Jeanette
1953 – suicide or attempt, S. Bellridge Dr.
2013 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2058 – fraud, Tyler Rd.

Wednesday, Aug. 19:

0856 – disorderly conduct, Belleville
1033 – property damage accident, WB I-94 / Haggerty
1042 – malicious destruction of property, Village Green Ln.
1443 – disorderly conduct, E. Huron River Dr.
1518 – personal injury accident, Belleville
1530 – property damage accident, Savage Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
1545 – assault & battery, Rawsonville Wendy's
1725 – harassment call, Brookside Dr.
1818 – disturbance, Maple Dr.
2027 – malicious destruction of property, Wheatgrass Ln.

Thursday, Aug. 20:

0040 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
0113 – fight, Johnny's Hot Spot
0741 – mental, Meadows Ln.
1022 – missing person, North I-94 Service Dr.
1114 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1252 – larceny from auto, Haggerty Rd.
1545 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / I-94
1547 – juvenile complaint, Anna Dr.
1930 – disturbance, Tyler Rd.
2307 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.

Friday, Aug. 21:

0744 – malicious destruction of property, S. Bellridge Dr.
0754 – larceny from auto, Bayshore Dr.
1051 – assault & battery, Ayres Ave.
1051 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
1141 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.

1141 – dumping complaint, Morton Taylor Rd. / Van Born Rd.

1212 – private property accident, Van Born
1236 – disorderly conduct, Parkwood Dr.
1321 – larceny from auto, Lighthouse Dr.
1340 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Tyler
1513 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1544 – intimidation threat, Louisa Dr.
1655 – property damage accident, Tyler/Haggerty
1712 – narcotics crime, Bemis Rd.
1725 – agency assist, WB I-94/Belleville Rd.
1753 – suicide or attempt, Haggerty Rd.
1821 – malicious destruction of property, Rose
1821 – malicious destruction of property, Lighthouse Dr.
1831 – intimidation threat, Oak Ln.
2026 – trespassing, Lake Pointe Pass
2138 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, N. I-94 Service Dr.

2136 – assault & battery, Holly Ln.
2231 – personal injury accident, WB I-94 / Belleville Rd.

2302 – disturbance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2331 – disturbance, Maurice Dr.

Saturday, Aug. 22:

0030 – operating while intoxicated, Rawsonville
0031 – fight, Maurice Dr.
0044 – trespassing, W. Huron River Dr.
0102 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
0144 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
0153 – operating while intoxicated, W. Huron River Dr.

0353 – malicious destruction of property, Maurice
0852 – malicious destruction of property, Ironwood Dr.

1143 – malicious destruction of property, Alva Dr.
1259 – suicide or attempt, N. Cumberland Dr.
1355 – personal injury accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Denny's
1402 – intimidation threat, Parkwood Dr.
1930 – animal bite, Quirk Rd.
2058 – noise complaint, Village Green Ln.
2115 – noise complaint, Bog Rd.
2123 – noise complaint, Thornwood Dr.
2321 – disturbance, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2345 – noise complaint, Rolan Meadows Dr.

Also on this week's log are 274 traffic stops, 114 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 16:

0133 – intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.
0427 – agency assist, Ecorse/Wayne
0458 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1136 – property damage accident, E. Huron River
1446 – intrusion alarm, E. Thornhill Ct.
1758 – mental, High/Church
1821 – E-911 cellular, W. Columbia Ave.

Monday, Aug. 17:

0217 – intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.
1432 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1845 – suicide or attempt, Henry St.

Tuesday, Aug. 18:

0338 – suspicious vehicle, E. Waterbury Ct.
1513 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1708 – larceny, Carmell St.
1845 – suspicious person, Victorian Ln.
1935 – follow up, Carmell St.
1942 – civil matter, Main St.
2245 – warrant arrest, Denton

Wednesday, Aug. 19:

0108 – assist fire dept., Church St.
0756 – juvenile complaint, Belleville/Lake
1309 – intrusion alarm, Harbour Pointe Dr.
1410 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.
1635 – found property, Owen Middle School
1833 – suspicious situation, Belleville Library
1838 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
1912 – fraud, Belle Villa Blvd.
1942 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.

Thursday, Aug. 20:

0056 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
0206 – assist citizen, Main St.
0552 – assist fire dept., San Carlos St.
0633 – civil matter, W. Columbia Ave.
0828 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1136 – suspicious situation, N. Edgemont Ave.
1811 – fight, Main St./Roys St.
1826 – property damage accident, 5 Points

1850 – juvenile complaint, N. Aberdeen Ct.

Friday, Aug. 21:

0055 – suspicious situation, Victory Park
0230 – suspicious vehicle, Oxford Ct./Victorian Ln
1404 – lost property, Main St.
1734 – trespassing, Horizon Park
1751 – domestic assault, Loza Ln.

Saturday, Aug. 22:

0839 – traffic complaint, E. Columbia Ave. / Main
1943 – juvenile complaint, Carmell St.
2152 – operating while intoxicated, E. Huron River Dr. / Loza Ln.

Also on this week's log are 76 traffic stops.

1405 – alarm, 19000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1617 – trespassing complaint, 29000 bl. Elwell
1905 – civil dispute, New Mexico
1952 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Victoria Ave.
2320 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Rawsonville/Judd

Friday, Aug. 21:

0308 – suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0945 – larceny, 171000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1258 – alarm, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1303 – soliciting complaint, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1412 – civil dispute, Redwood
1452 – suspicious vehicle, Washington
1847 – assault, Third St.
1940 – assault, Greenmeadow
2204 – fire dept. assist, Timberlane
2339 – warrant pick up, out of township

Saturday, Aug. 22:

0323 – family trouble, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1141 – 911 hang up, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1358 – shots fired, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1516 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1718 – suspicious person, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2034 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Willow / Elwell

2047 – well-being check, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2135 – shots fired, Wear/Elwell
2151 – juvenile complaint, Georgia
2348 – noise complaint, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.

Also on this week's log are eight follow-up investigations, 43 miscellaneous details, 111 patrol checks, and 12 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 16:

0200 – warrant pick up, 41000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0330 – malicious destruction of property, Willow / Martinsville
0346 – suspicious incident, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
0644 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0846 – odor investigation, 25000 bl. Carleton West
1100 – malicious destruction of property, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1106 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1211 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1237 – malicious destruction of property, 20000 bl. Haggerty rd.
1301 – civil dispute, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1406 – civil dispute, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1530 – animal complaint, Redwood
1702 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1922 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
2024 – alarm, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2132 – civil dispute, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
2208 – suspicious incident, 25000 bl. Sumpter
2229 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
2233 – shots fired, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2310 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Lohr Rd.

Monday, Aug. 17:

0016 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Victoria Ave.
0247 – suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.
0759 – 911 hang up, 42000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1003 – suspicious vehicle, 25000 bl. Carleton West
1026 – breaking & entering, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1319 – fire dept. assist, Brookview
1534 – suspicious incident, Brookview
1552 – suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Claxton Dr.
1558 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1804 – civil dispute, 48000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1821 – animal complaint, Willow/Haggerty
2001 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
2048 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2247 – warrant pick up, out of township

Tuesday, Aug. 18:

0010 – suspicious vehicle, Hampshire
0328 – suspicious incident, Judd/Elwell
1131 – 911 hang up, Delaware
1441 – suspicious incident, 11000 bl. Rawsonville
1658 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1705 – alarm, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1814 – warrant pick up, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1822 – juvenile complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1923 – fire dept. assist, Nevada
1954 – traffic hazard, Rawsonville/Willis
2132 – family trouble, 27000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2305 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.

Wednesday, Aug. 19:

0252 – suspicious person, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1227 – fraud complaint, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1308 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1357 – breaking & entering, 45000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1530 – disorderly person, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
1635 – alarm, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1739 – animal complaint, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.
1849 – suspicious person, 23000 bl. Sherwood
2001 – family trouble, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
2009 – personal injury accident, Sumpter/Oakville
Waltz

Thursday, Aug. 20:

0131 – suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1036 – warrant pick up, Martinsville/Willow
1135 – civil dispute, 24000 bl. Bohr Rd.
1207 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1327 – soliciting complaint, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Aug. 31 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 1 – Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 8 – September Days Endowment Committee, 11 a.m. Also, VBT Local Development Financing Authority, 2 p.m., Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library meeting at 7:30 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 9 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

Battle for Belleville WWII reenactment set for Friday

As part of the annual air show at Willow Run Airport, there will be a Battle for Belleville military vehicle display and World War II battle reenactment on Friday, Aug. 28 in downtown Belleville.

Instead of having a parade, as in past years, a military vehicle display will start at 6 p.m. and a battle reenactment will start at 6:30 p.m.

Main Street will be closed between Fifth and Third streets. Also closed will be Roys and Fourth streets, from Main Street to the alley behind the museum.

Main, Roys, and Fourth streets will need to be clear of parked vehicles while the vehicle display and battle reenactment are in progress. Closing time for activities is 7:30 p.m., when the vehicles are expected to convoy back to Willow Run Airport.

The Battle for Belleville is expected to continue during the Air Show activities at Willow Run Airport.



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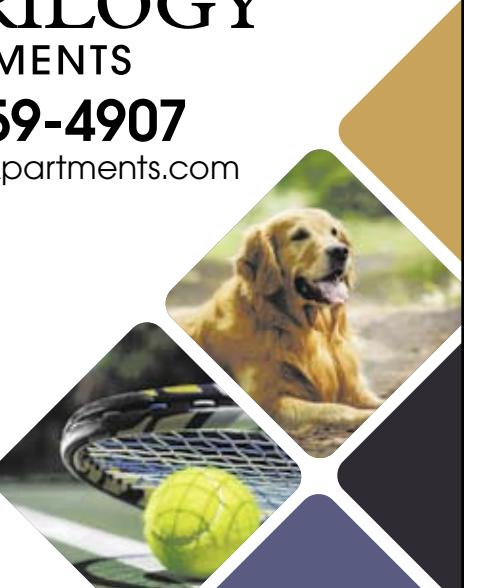


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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A COMPUTER NETWORK

DUE BY 5:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

The Proposal must be submitted on the Proposal form (pages 6 and 7) in a sealed envelope marked "COMPUTER CONSULTING PROPOSAL" and addressed to:

Lisa Long, City Clerk
Belleville City Hall
6 Main Street
Belleville MI 48111

The Proposals will be publicly opened and read at the City Council meeting at 7:30 p.m. on September 21, 2015.

All requested information must be provided.

Please direct questions about this Proposal material to City Manager Diana Kollmeyer.

The City intends to award the bid based on the lowest competent bidder meeting all specifications. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Proposals, and to waive irregularities in the best interests of the City of Belleville.

THE CITY'S COMPUTER NETWORK PROJECT:

The City of Belleville is purchasing a new network server and approximately 6 PC workstations to replace the current network in the Municipal Building. The server specifications are available at City Hall.

Lisa Long, Clerk/Treasurer

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VBT Command

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short falls and disparity in pensions could be over shadowed by the wage increases once promoted as a command officer. It wasn't until recently that cost has grown to the point where it has become cumbersome and over-burdensome to the employee/command officer. We want to get back to reasonable retirement contribution rates. Pension and health-care costs have been consuming a greater and greater portion of the employee/command officers' wages.

The Command Units CBA expired on December 31, 2013. The bargaining unit has attempted to negotiate provisions that would help reduce the high percentages that they are currently paying. The township, being capped at 12%, has refused to entertain and/or negotiate any provisions that would offer relief to Command Unit members. Township employees agreed to allow the employer to institute AMERIPLAN which reduced health care costs for the township. Command officers also received no wage increases for the CBA period of 2010 to 2014 yet the township refuses to entertain and/or assist with the increasing pension costs which are solely the burden of the employee/command officer.

Because of the financial burden and hardship imposed on each and every command officer, it is with great regret that we are requesting to be voluntarily demoted and transferred back into the Patrol Unit. I have spoken with each and every command officer and we understand that per the Patrol/Dispatch Units CBA we will be required to pay the Command Units percentage rate for 2 years. This decision was not easy however; the disparity in "take home wages" compared to that of a patrol officer has made it intolerable. We have families to provide for and beginning in 2016 and beyond, patrol officers will "take home" equal and/or more monies than that of the majority of the Command Unit members. It is also clear that within the next several years patrol officers will, more than likely, take home more money than any command officer. The added responsibility, stress, liability, reduced overtime potential, limitation on specialty assignments and ability to work desired shifts based on seniority are no longer worth

the sacrifices we were once committed to. The township's unwillingness to help resolve and/or provide some relief to the situation has solely contributed to this request.

Simply speaking, the township's lack of concern and unwillingness to assist their command officers has caused a dramatic decline in our morale. WE NO LONGER WISH TO BE A PART OF THE COMMAND UNIT UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES.

Sincerely,

Lt. M. Buckberry

POLC Command Unit President
Van Buren Township Police Department

BetterHealth store is book donation drop-off point for nonprofit

BetterHealth Markets & Vitamin Stores today announced that it has partnered this back-to-school season with Beyond Basics to host a book drive to benefit the non-profit.

The drive started Aug. 17 and will continue through Sunday, Sept. 20.

Customers may stop by any of BetterHealth's 14 locations across southeast Michigan and Lansing -- including the store in Van Buren Township at 10792 Belleville Road -- during regular business hours and donate gently used or new children's or young adult books.

Drop off bins have been placed at the front of each store. No purchase is necessary.

"If a child can read better, they're going to do better overall -- in school as well as in life," said Pamela Good, executive director of Beyond Basics. "They're only going to do as well as they can read. Many families in poverty are transient and they don't have the luxury of being able to transport books from place to place. We must get and keep people reading."

The books collected will be distributed via Beyond Basics to students and parents in Beyond Basics classrooms throughout the coming school year.

Headquartered in Southfield, Beyond Basics is a 501(c)(3) child-centered, literacy nonprofit serving students in the Detroit-area by providing reading tutoring and literacy support programs -- writing, art, mentoring, and partnerships -- for students in grades pre-kindergarten through 12 -- during the public school day.

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